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For: **METHODS FOR GENERATING HIGH TITER
HELPER-FREE PREPARATIONS OF
RELEASED RECOMBINANT AAV VECTORS**

Examiner: M. Hill

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 3, 2003 (Paper No. 8), for which a response was due on January 3, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to April 3, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification being on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.